

42. MAURITIUS COUNCIL OF REGISTERED LIBRARIANS

- 42.1 Established by virtue of Act 4 of 2000, the Mauritius Council of Registered Librarians (MCRL) is a corporate body operating under the purview of the Ministry of Arts and Culture (MoAC) for the promotion of librarianship as a profession in today's work community.
- 42.2 As per the Act, its main objects are, *inter alia*, to: establish and improve standards of education, practice and conduct and to maintain discipline in the practice of librarianship; establish appropriate linkages with any educational body in or outside Mauritius with a view to upgrading the standard of education in librarianship; determine the requirements for entry to training and admission to, or removal from, the register for those training in Mauritius; and approve programmes of training leading to registration of librarians in Mauritius.
- 42.3 The MCRL is administered and managed by a Board, while the responsibility for maintaining and promoting the proper administration of the Council is vested in the Registrar, who acts as the chief executive of the Council.
- 42.4 During the consultative meeting, the parent Ministry apprised that there was no established grade at the Council and issues are dealt with by the Board itself. Since this arrangement is considered to be appropriate for the time being, no proposal has, therefore, been made with respect to the organisation structure.
- 42.5 However, requests on other issues have been made namely to: provide training to library professionals; review the scheme of service of a few grades; restrict the appellation of "Librarian" to degree holders who are registered with the MCRL as same is being used by non-professionals in the private sector; re-organise library activities in Rodrigues to promote reading and learning; and revise the fees payable to the Chairperson, Board members and Secretary.
- 42.6 It was noted that the proposals made did not fall under the purview of the Bureau and accordingly, Management was so informed during the meeting. Most of the issues should be dealt with at the level of the MoAC. As regards the revision of fees, same should be referred to the Standing Committee on Fees and Allowances for consideration.
- 42.7 In the event the need for a dedicated level is felt, Management may submit its request through established procedures with respect thereto.

